

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please the third full paragraph on page 23, as well as the next paragraph that bridges pages 23 and 24 (page 23, line 12 to page 24, line 11), with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Fig. 4 shows a major part of a configuration of the portable terminal 20 of the present embodiment. The portable terminal 20 has a transmission/reception unit 25 for transmitting an access request through the Internet and for receiving the requested contents data, a display unit 26 for displaying the contents data received by the transmission/reception unit 25, an input unit 27 for inputting a user ID and PW which are assigned in advance as a permission for access, and a control unit 28 for controlling those units.

The portable terminal 20 selects contents data to be accessed according to a menu screen stored in a storage unit (not shown). Desired contents data can be looked at on the portable terminal ~~20~~ by 20 by inputting the user ID and PW assigned in advance as an access permission or by inputting an address which specifies the destination of the access. For example, the menu stored in the portable terminal 20 is constituted by an access request screen to allow selection of one of contents services for which the user has already been registered and a screen for the first access. The user selects either of the screens. When the access request screen is selected, a desired contents service can be accessed by selecting the desired contents service. When the screen for the first access is selected, the user transmits a request for use by inputting an address that specifies the destination of the access. After the user is registered by the gateway 22, the access is enabled by selecting the access request screen this time to select the desired contents service. For an access right to such a contents service, the gateway 22 sets a predetermined effective period which starts at the date of the first access. In the case of expiration of the effective period for a right to access a

contents service for which an access request has been made, a notice for continuation for the same is sent, and an access right is acquired again based on the same.

Please the second full paragraph on page 31, lines 4-23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 11 schematically shows a sequence of operations of the access right managing system of the present embodiment at the time of the first access from the portable terminal 20. A user selects the first access screen on the portable terminal 20 to transmit a request for use 90 which specifies the address of a desired destination of access. Upon receipt of the request for use 90, the gateway 22 assigns a user ID and a user PW. Further, the gateway 22 returns the user ID and user PW to the portable terminal 20 along with menu data associated with the contents service to be accessed (user ID/PW 91). Upon receipt of the user ID and user PW, the portable terminal 20 displays the ID and PW on the display unit. The menu data which are simultaneously received are stored in the storage device and are registered in the access request screen (storage 92). Thereafter, the portable terminal 20 prompts the user to select the updated access request screen and displays the access request screen on the display unit. When the ~~usr~~ user selects a desired destination of access, the ID and PW associated therewith are accepted (input 93), and the ID and PW are transmitted to the gateway 22 (ID/PW 94). The gateway 22 compares the ID and PW with a user ID and PW assigned in advance to authenticate the user (authentication 95). If the authentication has a positive result, access history information as shown in Fig. 7 is generated (generation 96).

Please the first full paragraph on page 32, lines 1-12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thereafter, a service request 97 is transmitted to the contents server 21 to acquire the contents data for which the request for use has been made. The contents server 21 acquires the contents data associated with the received service request 97 ~~an~~ and returns it to the gateway 22 (contents data 98). The gateway 22 converts the received contents data 98 into a data format corresponding to the mode of display of the display unit of the portable terminal 20 (conversion 90). For example, the data are converted into the WML format or the like. The converted contents data are transferred to the portable terminal 20 (contents data 100). The portable terminal 20 displays the received contents data on the display unit by means of the browser function incorporated therein (display 101).

Please the third full paragraph on page 35, lines 21-26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As described above, according to the first, ninth, eleventh or thirteenth aspect of the invention, by granting a ~~simply~~ simple access right having an effective period from the first access, it is possible to effectively use a capacity which must otherwise be allocated to the access rights of users to be managed. Further, the processing load required for the management of access rights can be significantly reduced.

Please the first full paragraph on page 36, lines 6-9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the third aspect of the invention, it is possible to prevent access history information from being uselessly generated when a user of the portable terminal transmits a request for the first access as a result of an ~~erreuneous~~ erroneous operation.